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SUBJECT: REPORTED PLO SUPPORT FOR ARAB CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA

REF: STATE 128818 (NOT SENT JIDDA)

1. FREE-LANCE AMERICAN JOURNALIST JOSEPH FITCHETT, WHO AUTHORED POST ARTICLE, INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 29 THAT HIS INTERVIEW WITH PLO OFFICE DIRECTOR CHAFIC AL HOUT RESULTED FROM DELIBERATE EFFORT BY EDOUARD SAAB, EDITOR OF FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY L'ORIENT-LE JOUR, TO HELP FITCHETT ELICIT "AUTHORITATIVE" PLO STATEMENT FAVORING INCREASED ARAB CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA. ACCORDING TO FITCHETT, HOUT WAS AWARE OF ONSYG'S LAST-DITCH APPROACH TO KING KHALID AND WAS DEFINITELY ANXIOUS TO PLACE ON RECORD PLO'S DESIRE TO SEE IT PRODUCE TANGIBLE RESULTS.

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2. COMMENT: WE CANNOT RPT CANNOT CONFIRM THAT HOUT'S

STATEMENTS WERE CLEARED WITH YASIR

' ARAFAT, BUT WE THINK

IF VERY LIKELY THAT THEY WERE. HOUT HAS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP
WITH 'ARAFAT AND RELATIVELY EASY ACCESS TO HIM, AND WE
BELIEVE HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE MADE SUCH REMARKS
WITHOUT 'ARAFAT'S APPROVAL. FITCHETT IS A FORMER UNRWA
EMPLOYEE, AND WE THINK IT PROBABLE THAT THE EFFORT TO "SET
UP" INTERVIEW WITH HOUT WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH UNRWA HEAD-
QUARTERS' TACIT ENCOURAGEMENT.
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